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Tap-tap-tap.

Shannon turned to the source of the noise. "Bro, could you please stop tapping your foot? It's driving me nuts."

"Sorry, sis," Brandon replied, stilling his foot. "You know how I am when I'm anxious about something." Both he and his sister were sitting in the waiting area, expecting to talk to Dr. Stanfield about bringing their parents home.

"I know you are; so am I." Shannon put her hand gently on his shoulder. "But we need to keep a cool head. Mom and Dad are counting on us."

"You're right," he replied, putting his hand on hers. "All we can do is wait for the doctor."

Dr. Stanfield had finished her rounds and went to talk to Brandon and Shannon about discharging their parents. Looking at her charts, she said, "I'm pleased with the progress they've both been making. Mrs. McCain is improving every day."

"What about Dad; will he walk again?" Shannon asked.

"He was telling me when I went to see him that he had some feeling in his legs."

"And that's good, right?" Shannon looked at her brother.

"It's definitely a good sign." The doctor smiled at the two siblings. "But I don't want to get your hopes up; it's too soon for a prognosis on that. They've improved enough to be released from the hospital and I'm sure they'll appreciate a change of scenery. However..."

"All right!" Brandon shouted happily. "Mom and Dad are comin' home!" He grabbed his sister in a bear hug. "Isn't that great, Shannon?"

"Hold on a minute, you two. Before they can be released, there are conditions that have to be met."

Brandon turned around to face the doctor, his excitement cut short by Doctor Stanfield's words. Giving her an inquiring look, he asked, "What conditions?"

The doctor handed him a sheet of paper. "Here is a list of things that are needed before they will be allowed to go home."

Brandon shook his head as he looked at the list. "We can't possibly get all this done in just a few days," he remarked.

"That's why I compiled this for you," Doctor Stanfield replied, handing him another sheet of paper. "It's a list of accredited convalescent homes your parents can stay in until you've completed the necessary modifications."

Brandon and Shannon looked over the lists. After they were through, she turned to him and remarked, "Looks like we've got our work cut out for us."

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